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[Q: According to available information], a Czech who is living in ISTANBUL -  
 - has been recruited by the British Intelligence Service [RAZVEDKA]  
 under number 18735. At various times he has reported to the "Secret Service [SEKRET-SERVIS]" about proposals he had received from Soviet workers and the Iranian Consul in ISTANBUL - KEYHAN [KEJIKHAN] - who is working for the Soviet Intelligence Service. On 26th June [i] handed over to the latter with the consent of the British Intelligence Service some political information which is ~~not~~ [2 groups unrecovered]. In October of this year [i] stated that he had been approached by some Soviet official's chauffeur who passed word that his boss wished to meet [i] at the latter's flat. On 16th October, the Soviet official met [i], and after having introduced himself as ...CHERENKO [ii] (the beginning of the name is unintelligible), suggested that he should work for the Soviet Intelligence Service. [i] in reply to his request for instructions was told by the British Intelligence Service to continue [i] with the Russians until such time as they themselves declined it. Will you cautiously [Q: find out] whether the reported facts actually took place, and who the "Soviet official" mentioned [2 groups unrecovered] is. If it is one of the Neighbours' [iii] workers, he must be put in the picture about 's' belonging to the British Intelligence Service and about the instructions he has received. At the same time supply full information about [i].

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VIKTOR [iv]

[Comments overleaf]

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Comments: [i]

- [ii] Presumably Lt. Col. GONCHARENKO of the Soviet Military  
Attaché's office in ISTANBUL.
  - [iii] Neighbours: Members of another Soviet Intelligence Organisation,  
in this case Red Army Intelligence (GRU).
  - [iv] VIKTOR : Lt. Gen. P. M. FITIN.
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